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Commissioner for Patents

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98**

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants request consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

**PART I: Information Cited**

Applicants hereby make of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the concurrently filed form PTO/SB/08a. The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

Applicants hereby make the following additional information of record in the above-identified application whose relevance is discussed below.

**PART II: Remarks Concerning Other Information Cited**

The following are remarks concerning the other information cited:

Applicants would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending application that may contain subject matter related to this application:

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>
11/767438	06/22/2007	Joseph D. Gifford, et al.
11/524078	09/20/2006	Gary C. Ganz, et al.
11/524033	09/20/2006	Joseph E. Zuback, et al.

Applicants would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following other information, whose relevance is discussed in Part III below:

PART III: Explanation of Non-English Language References and Remarks Concerning Other Information Cited

The following is a concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language reference listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified):

The following are remarks concerning the other information cited:

EP 1765246 appears to be directed to a process for electrochemical descaling of water in a household apparatus. An English language abstract is enclosed.

PART IV: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. Any concurrently filed form PTO/SB/08a be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, Applicants make no representation that a search has been performed, of the extent of any search performed, or that more relevant information does not exist.

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Notwithstanding any statements by Applicants, the Examiner is urged to form his own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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